THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 24th July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—LOUD-SPEAKER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHAMBER.

MR. SPEAKER:—"A few minutes ago the Electrical Supervisor came to my room and told me that the relay switches were not in order for the mikes, and that he had temporarily fixed what are known as manual switches. Hon. Members should, therefore, press the button in the first instance, wait for a few seconds, and then put their questions. Then only the questions will be audible."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have to inform the House that the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour is not keeping good health and is not attending the House to-day. So, questions* relating to his departments will be taken up tomorrow."

Representation made to the Finance Commission.

* 191-A *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have presented any memorandum to the Finance Commission during their present visit; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) The Government of Madras have submitted Memoranda to the Finance Commission in regard to the allocation of a share of income-tax among the Part A States, grants-in-aid to States under Article 275 of the Constitution and the allocation of a share of Union duties of Excise to the State Governments. The Government have also had discussions with the Commission in regard to these and allied matters.

"(*b*) As the Finance Commission has not yet completed its enquiry on the representations made by the various State Governments, the Government are communicating with the Finance Commission about placing copies of the Memoranda on the table of the House."

AN HON. MEMBER:—"We are not able to hear the Minister's reply, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER:—"I cannot help it. The mike is not working."

* Questions Nos. 186, 190, 192, 198 and 201 answered on 26th July 1952.